

*A Phase I Dose Escalation Study of  
Intratumoral Herpes Simplex Virus-1  
Mutant rRp450 in Patients with Refractory  
Sarcoma or Neuroblastoma*

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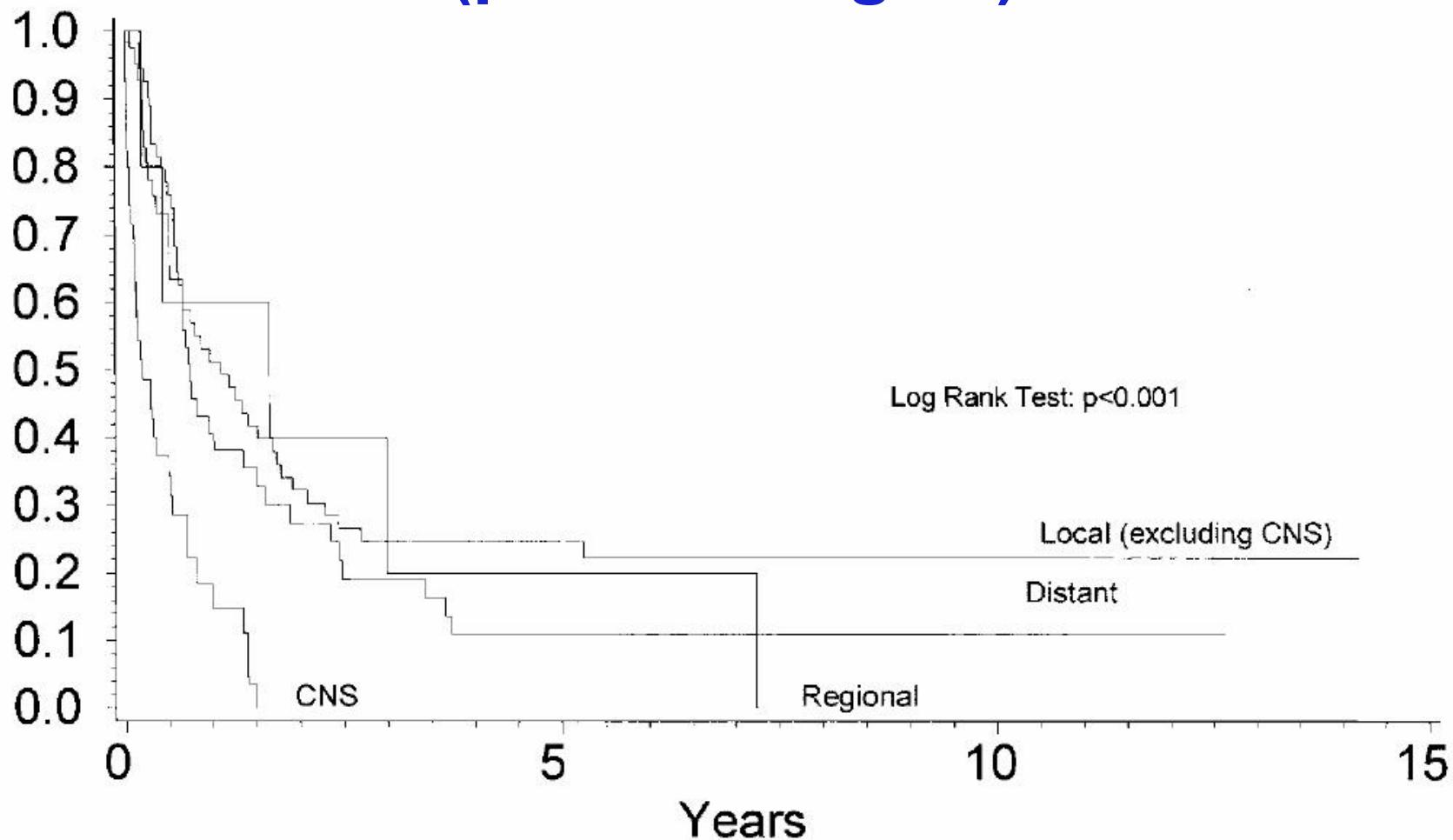
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# Tumor Targets

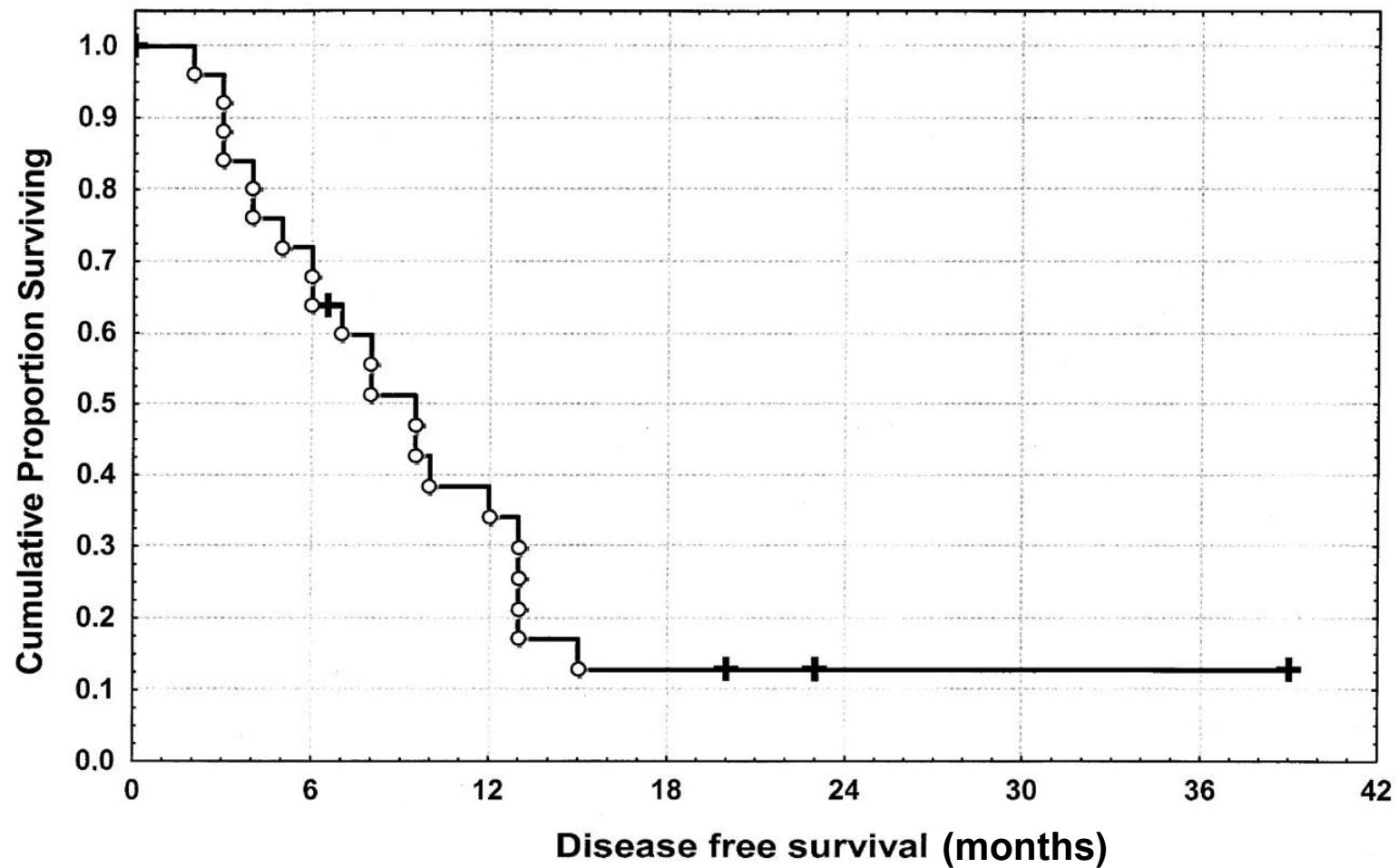
- Relapsed soft tissue sarcomas
  - ◆ Rhabdomyosarcoma (adolescents, young adults)
  - ◆ Malignant Fibrous Histiocytoma (adults)
  - ◆ Malignant Peripheral Nerve Sheath Tumors
  - ◆ Other
- Relapsed bone sarcomas
  - ◆ Osteosarcoma
  - ◆ Ewing's sarcoma family of tumors
- Relapsed neuroblastoma

# Survival After Relapsed Rhabdomyosarcoma (parameningeal)



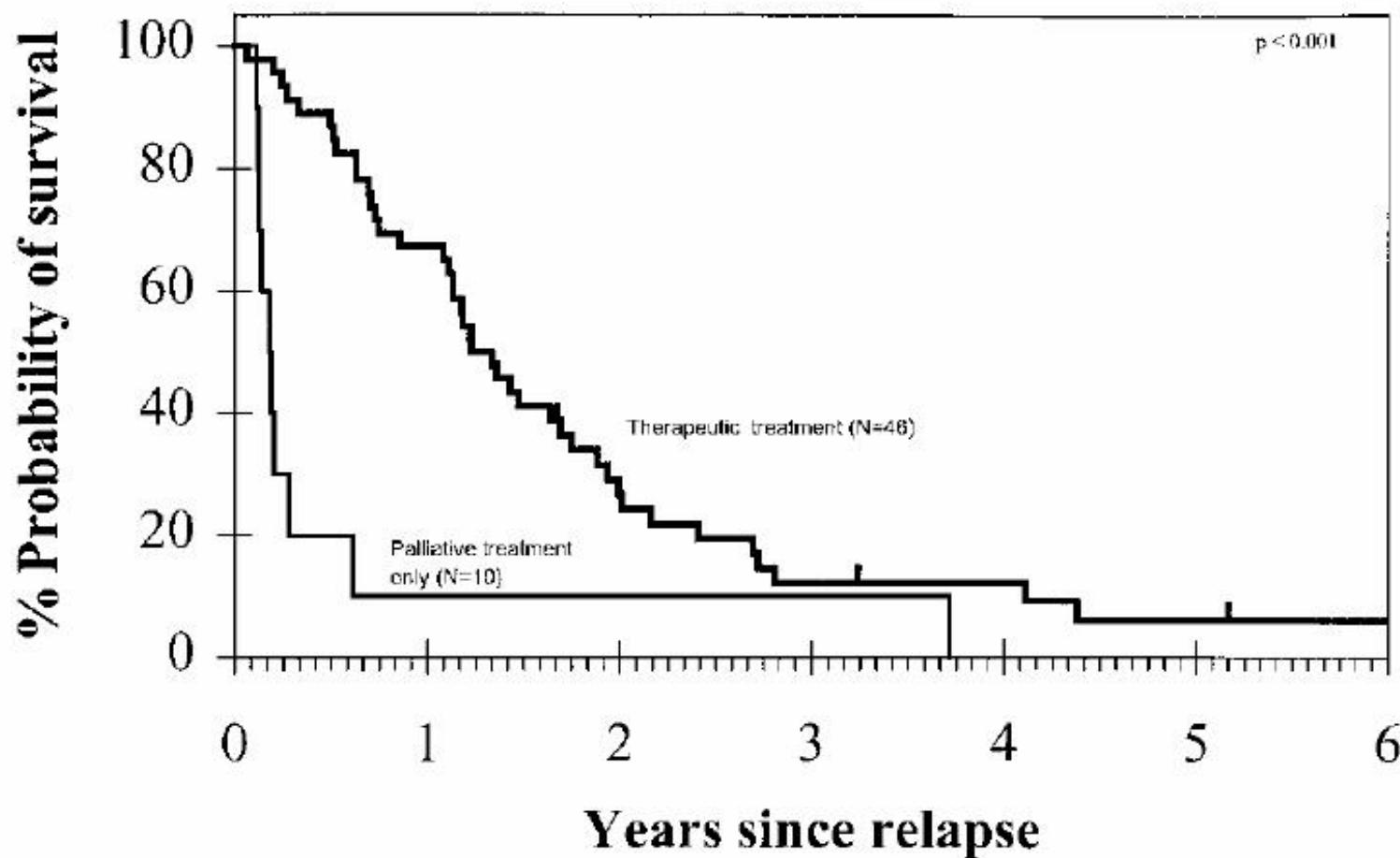
Raney et al., Med Ped Onc 38:22, 2002

# Survival After Relapsed Osteosarcoma



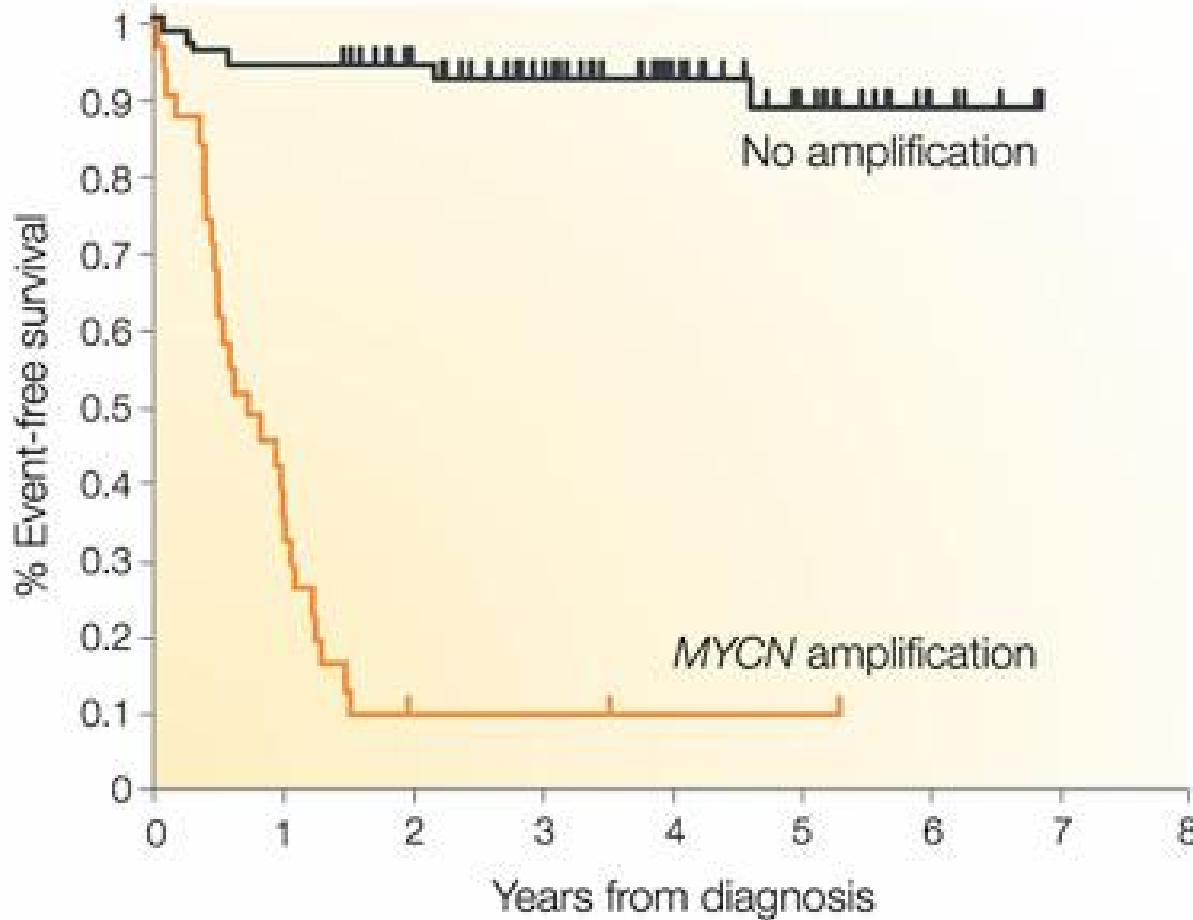
*Fagioli et al., J Clin Oncol 20:2150-2156, 2002*

# Survival After Relapsed Ewing's Sarcoma



*Shankar et al., Med Pediatr Oncol 40:141-147, 2003*

# Survival After Diagnosis of High-Risk Neuroblastoma



*Nature Reviews Cancer* 3: 203-216, 2003

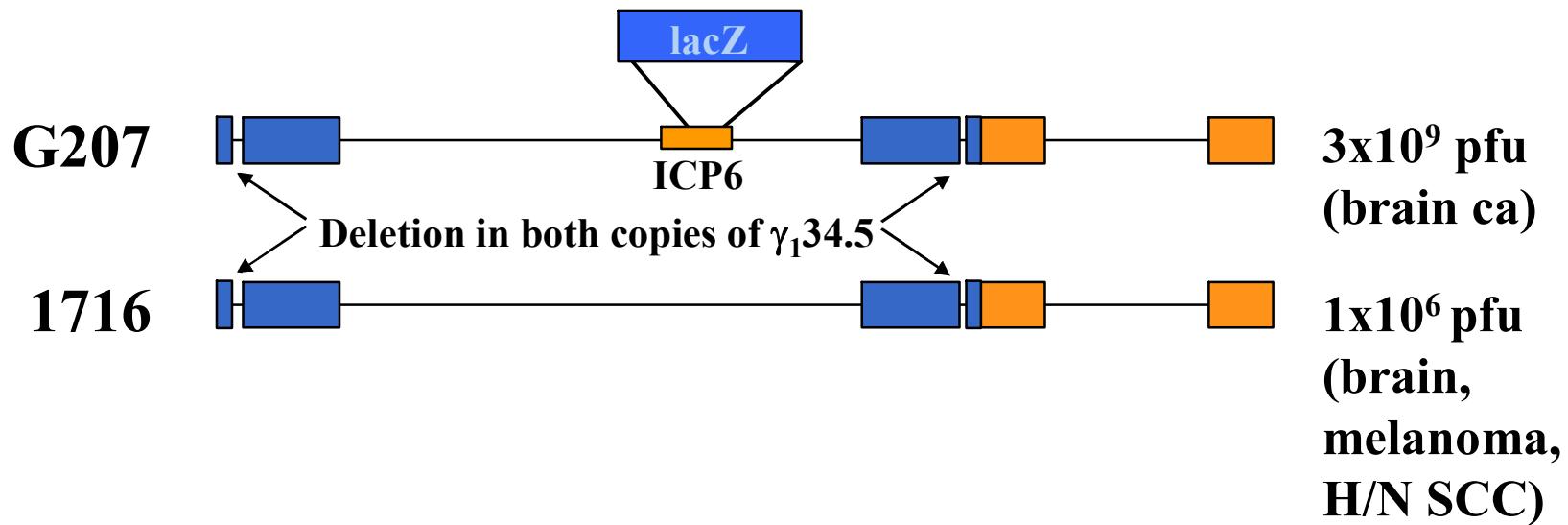
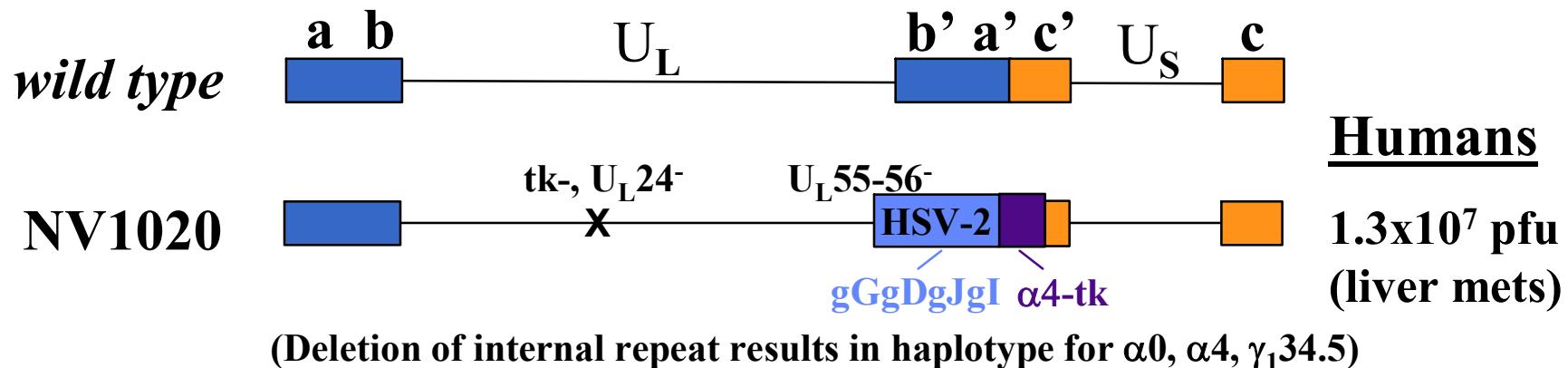
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# Oncolytic HSVs as Cancer Therapeutics

- Direct cell lysis (oncolysis)
- Bypass resistance to conventional therapy
- Self-propagation within tumor
- Enhanced delivery of therapeutic genes

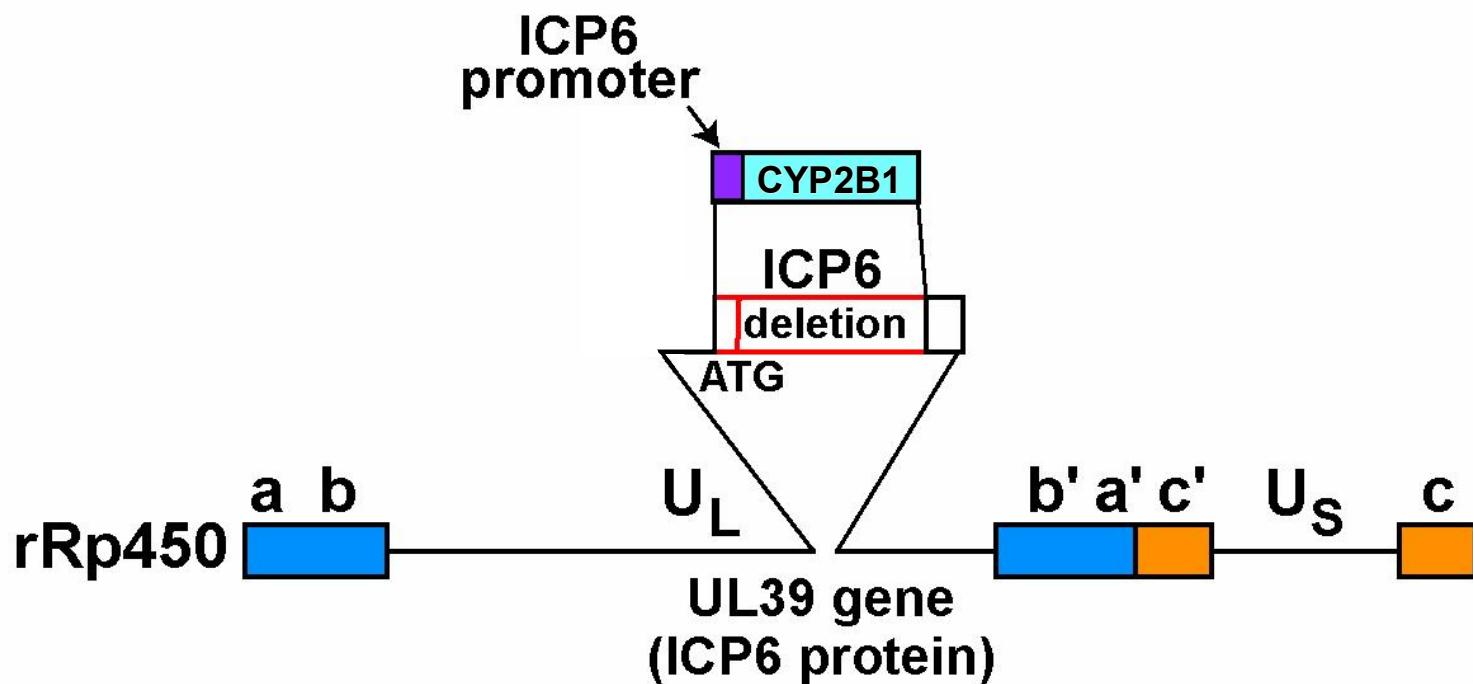
# Oncolytic HSV-1 Mutants in Clinical Trials



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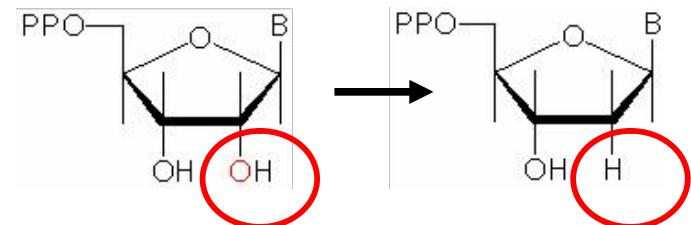
# rRp450



*Retains native thymidine kinase expression, sensitivity to acyclovir*

# HSV1 U<sub>L</sub>39 Encodes ICP6, the Large Subunit of Ribonucleotide Reductase

- Converts ribonucleotides to deoxyribonucleotides
- Critical for reactivation of latent virus
- Tumor cells express high cellular RR



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# Cytotoxicity With Oncolytic HSV Mutants

*Each “+” indicates 10-fold increase in sensitivity*

	<u>Cancer</u>	<u>Cell Line</u>
<i>Rhabdomyosarcoma</i>	eRMS	<b>RD</b>
		A204
	aRMS	Rh18
		Rh30
		<b>RhRKM-P4</b>
<i>Osteosarcoma</i>	OS	143.98.2
		<b>HS899(D)T</b>
<i>Ewing sarcoma</i>	EWS	A673
		SK-ES
		5838
		<b>TC32</b>
<i>Malignant Fibrous Histiocytoma</i>	MFH	<b>MFH1</b>
	NB	SKNBE(2)
		SMS-SANS
		LAN5
		SKNSH
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		CHLA-79
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		A204		
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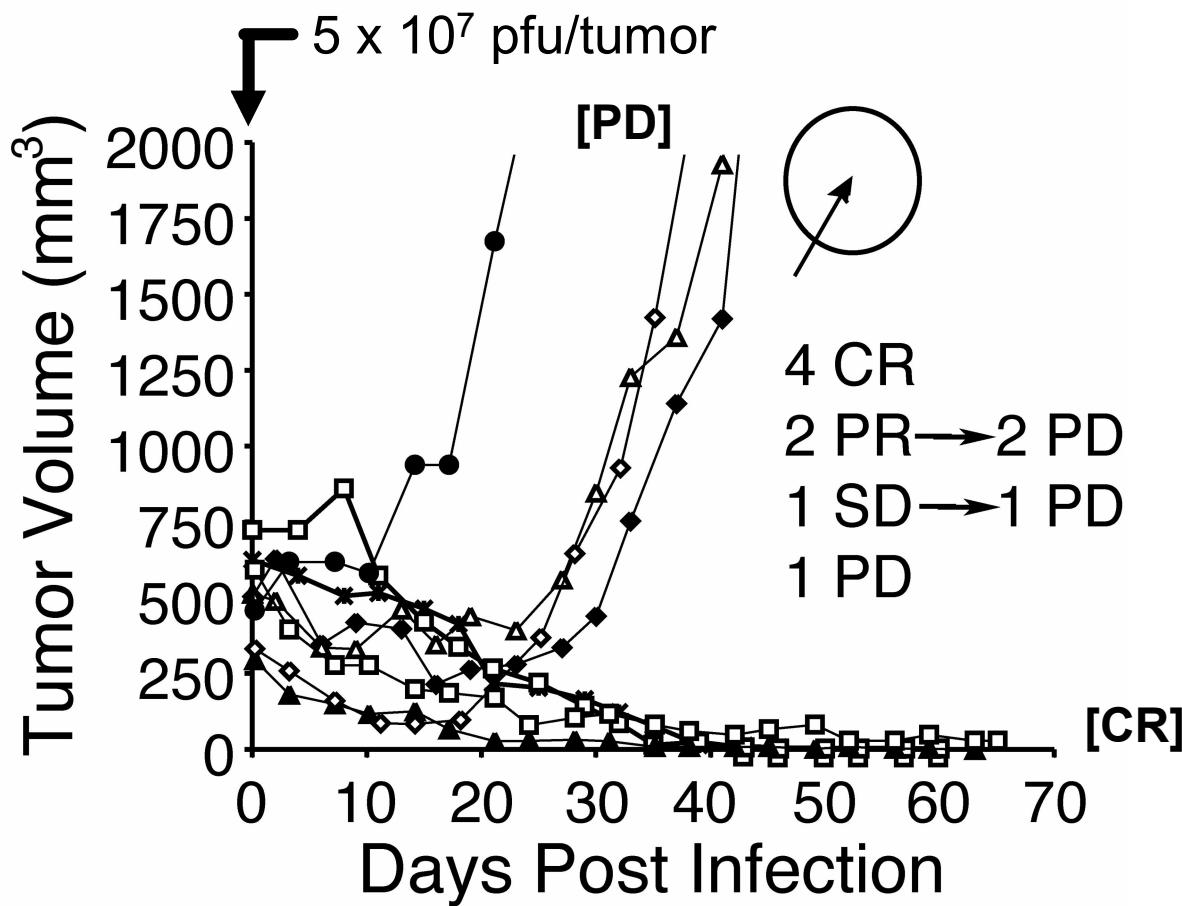
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\*In MPNST cells, data determined with parent virus of rRp450, hrR3

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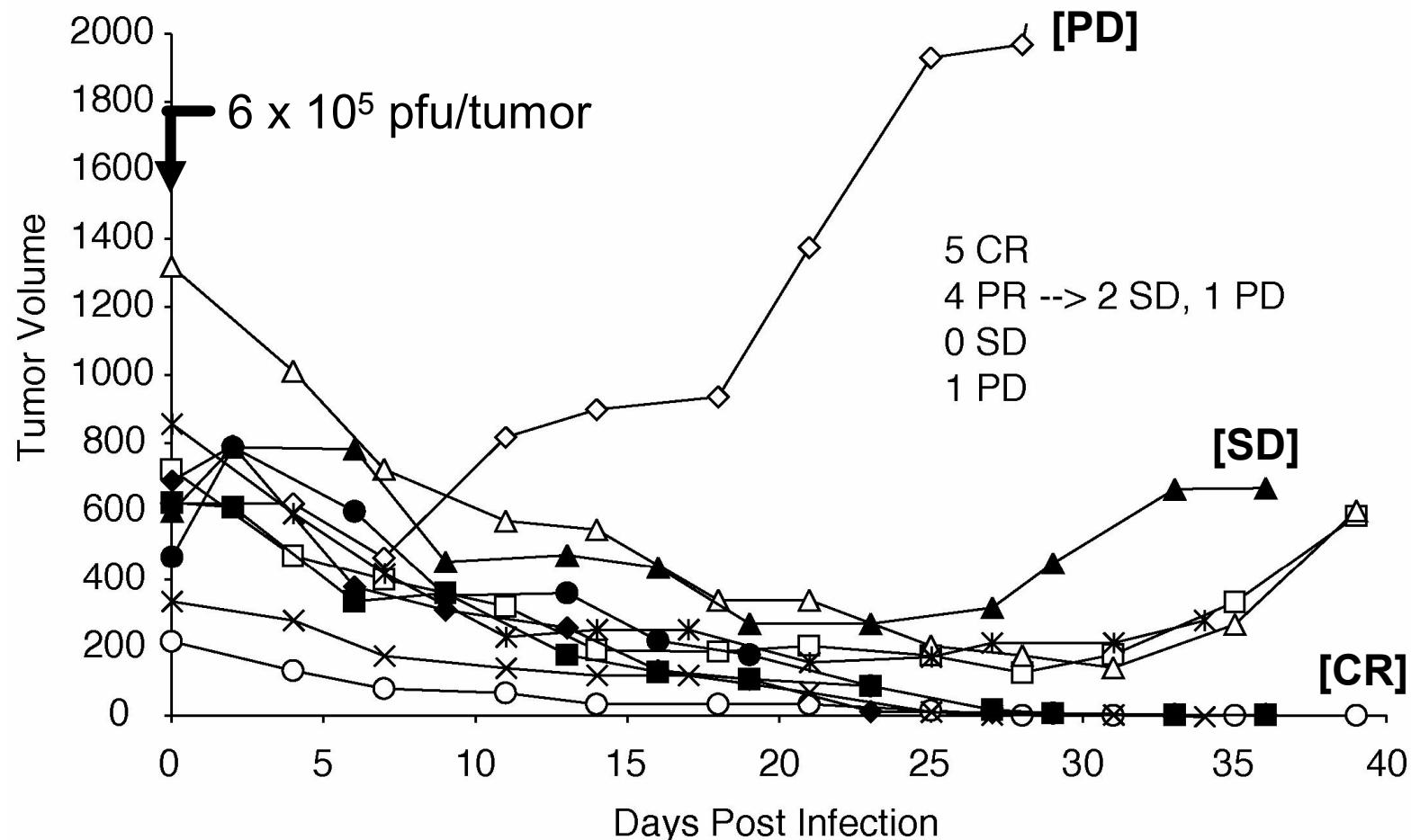


Currier et al., 2005

75% response rate (CR+PR, 6/8)

*Similar data in models of neuroblastoma (Parikh et al., 2005)*

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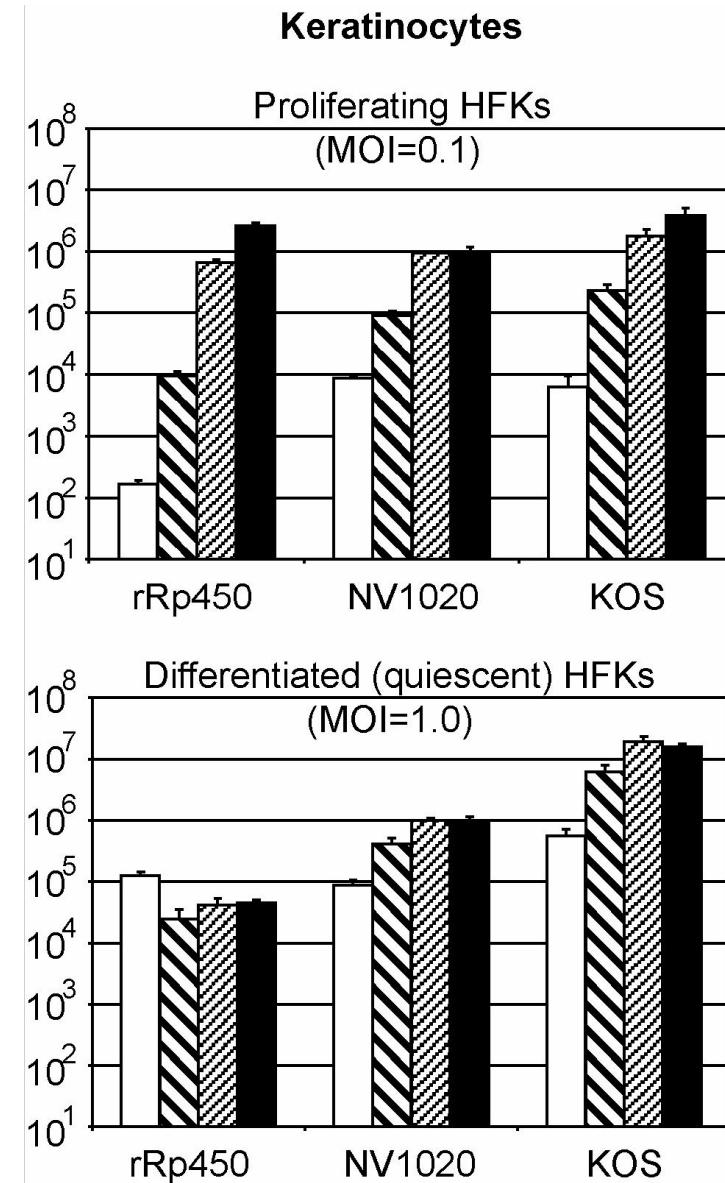
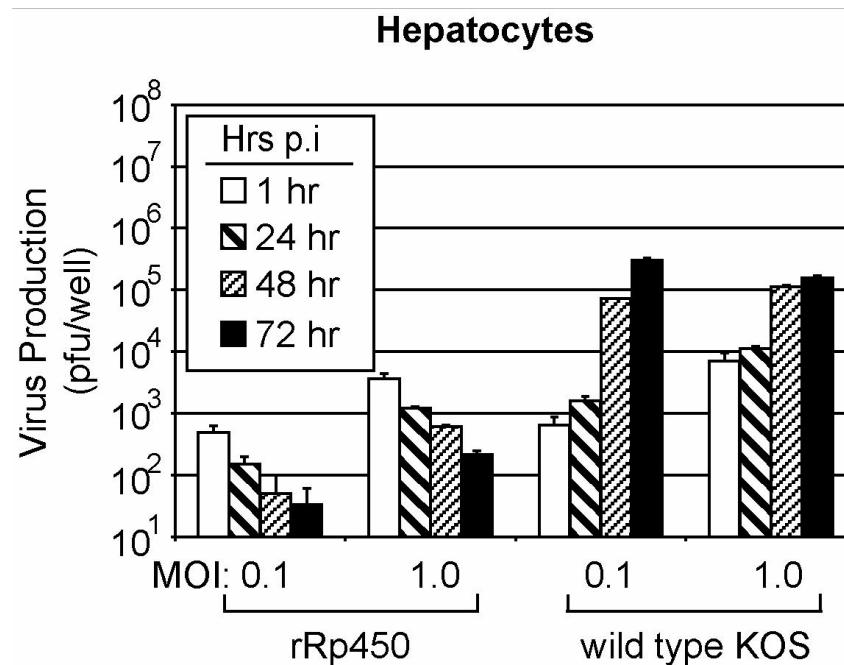
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90% response rate (CR+PR, 9/10)

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# Attenuation of rRp450 in Normal Primary Human Cells



# In Vivo rRp450 Safety Studies

- FVB/N mice,  $10^8$  pfu rRp450
- Virus alone, Virus + cyclophosphamide (CYP)
- Clinical studies after intravenous, intratumoral virus
  - ◆ Early (day 3) and late (day 28) timepoints
  - ◆ No clinically significant effects on
    - Weight
    - CBC (WBC, ANC, ALC, Hb, Platelets)
    - Electrolytes (Na, K, Ca, Mg, Phos)
    - Renal function (BUN, creatinine)
    - Liver function (transaminases)
  - ◆ Virus + CYP same as CYP alone

# FVB/N Mice Survival Studies: Virus Alone

(# alive/total)

	Wild type KOS					rRp450
Dose (pfu)	10 <sup>4</sup>	10 <sup>5</sup>	10 <sup>6</sup>	10 <sup>7</sup>	10 <sup>8</sup>	10 <sup>8</sup>
Intravenous	3/3	9/10*	0/6	0/6	0/6	20/20
Intracerebral	2/10	0/10	nd	nd	nd	18/20

\*All had neurologic toxicity, 9 recovered

# FVB/N Mice Survival Studies: Virus + Cyclophosphamide (CYP)

(# alive/total)

	rRp450	CYP*	rRp450+CYP**
Intravenous	20/20	9/10	18/20
Intracerebral	18/20	9/10	9/10

\*50 mg/m<sup>2</sup> intraperitoneal cyclophosphamide

\*\*CYP given 24 h after virus

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# Study Objectives

- Primary Aims
  - ◆ To estimate the maximum tolerable dose (MTD) of rRp450 administered as a direct intratumoral injection
  - ◆ To determine the dose-limiting toxicities (DLT) of intratumoral rRp450
- Secondary Aims
  - ◆ To measure antiviral immune response
  - ◆ To measure the systemic viremia
  - ◆ To preliminarily define the antitumor activity of rRp450

# Eligibility: Inclusion

- Age  $\geq 2$  years and  $\leq 30$  years of age
- Histologic diagnosis of sarcoma or neuroblastoma
  - ◆ Relapsed/refractory to conventional therapy
  - ◆ Accessable, measurable disease
- Life Expectancy  $\geq 8$  weeks

# Eligibility: Exclusion *(standard pediatric phase I criteria)*

- No acute toxic effects of prior therapy
- $\geq 4$  weeks since myelosuppressive chemotherapy
- $\geq 28$  days since anti-neoplastic biologic therapy
- Prior radiotherapy
  - ◆  $\geq 2$  weeks since local palliative radiotherapy
  - ◆  $\geq 6$  months since extensive radiotherapy
- $\geq 6$  months since autologous bone marrow transplantation
- $\geq 2$  months since different phase I agent
- No allogeneic BMT, prior gene therapy, pregnancy, breast-feeding

# Treatment Plan

- Direct CT-guided intratumoral injection
- Three young adults first (22-30 years old)
- Up to four injections,  $\geq 3$  weeks apart
- Six dose strata
  - ◆ Begin at  $1 \times 10^7$  pfu
  - ◆ Escalate up to  $3 \times 10^9$  pfu

# Dose Determination

- No MTD in humans yet for HSV vectors
- Max dose of NV1020 tested in intra-hepatic artery was  $1.3 \times 10^7$  pfu
- Begin at 80% dose =  $1.0 \times 10^7$  pfu  
(Standard practice in pediatric phase I studies)
- On per kg basis, systemic exposure would be 10,000-fold less than max dose tested in mice ( $10^8$  pfu)

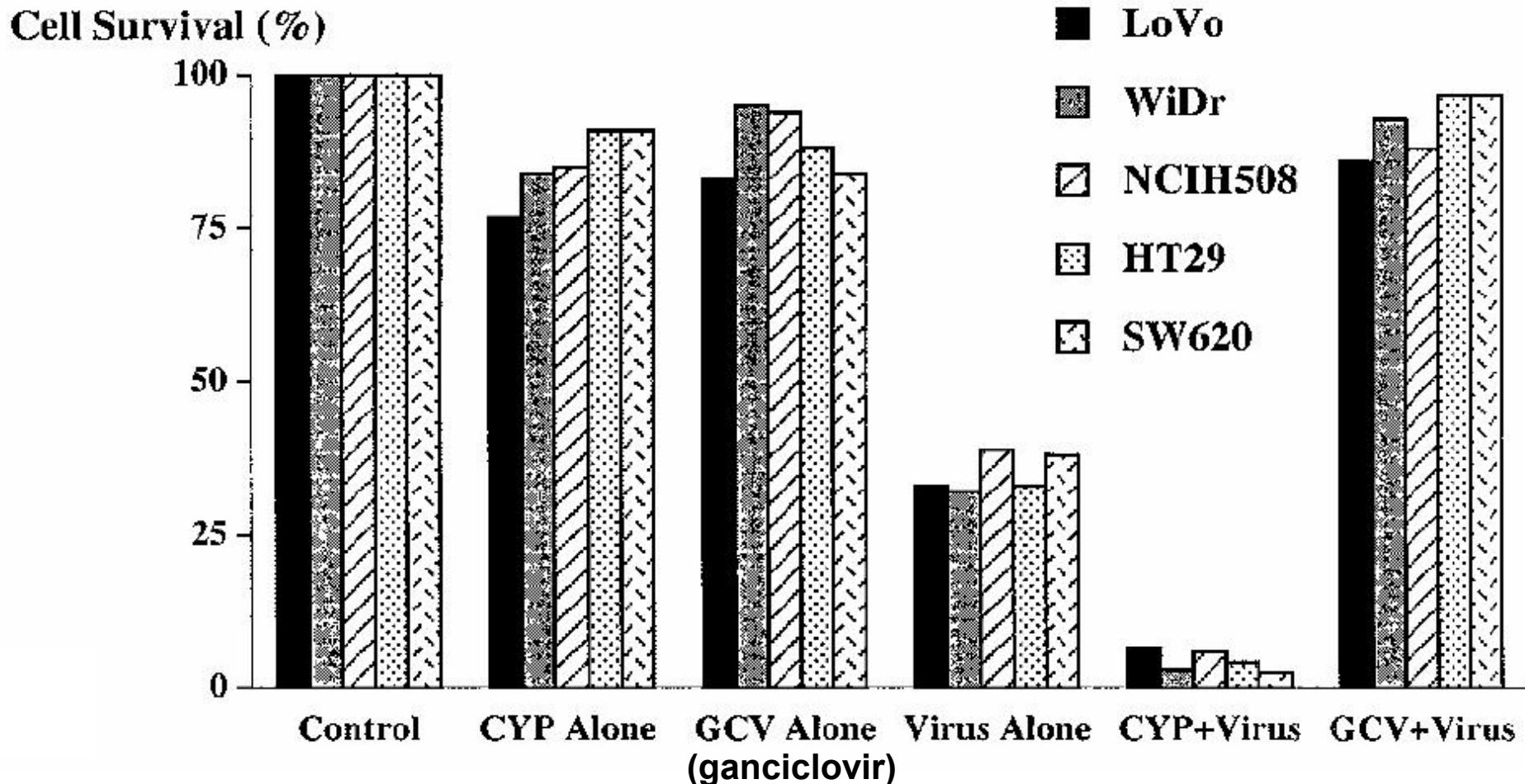
# cGMP Vector Production

- NGVL (NCRR program) support provisionally awarded, pending administrative issues
- Human Gene Therapy Applications Lab (HGTAL), University of Pittsburgh
  - ◆ Joseph Glorioso, M.D.
  - ◆ Dave Krisky, M.D., Ph.D.
- Successful pre-manufacturing runs
  - ◆ Column purification
  - ◆ Titers up to  $8.5 \times 10^{10}$  pfu/ml

# Conclusions

- Intended participants have incurable cancers
- Cancer models are susceptible to oncolytic HSVs
- Efficacy of rRp450 is attractive
  - ◆ Increased cytotoxicity in cell lines
  - ◆ Platform for future combination with oxazaphosphorines
- rRp450 appears safe
  - ◆ Attenuated by ~10,000-fold vs. wild type in quiescent cells
  - ◆ At least as attenuated as NV1020
  - ◆ High doses tolerated by mice via intratumoral, intravenous, and intracerebral routes
  - ◆ No added toxicity when combined with cyclophosphamide
- rRp450 warrants safety testing in subjects with refractory, potentially HSV-susceptible cancers

# rRp450 + Cyclophosphamide



Pawlik et al., Cancer 95:1171, 2002

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*Effect on liver metastases in a colon cancer model*

Treatment	# mets
Mock + PBS	>100
Mock + CYP	>100
rRp450 + PBS	10-15
rRP450 + CYP	<5

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